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Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers. All persons with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION of PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

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TOTAL Funds at the December, 1914, £23,970,367.

—Authorized Capital £8,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £4,500,000  
Paid-up Capital £2,437,500  
—Fire Funds £3,837,047  
Life & Annuity Funds 17,567,590  
Sinking Fund Account 188,230

Revenue Fire Branch £2,381,456  
" Life and Annuity } 2,141,593  
" Branches 337,230  
Revenue Marine Department 478,940  
Other Receipts 25,339,228

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

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Agents.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS  
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes  
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes  
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes  
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes  
12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes  
1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes  
2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes  
3.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes  
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT DAYS, as on Week Days.  
8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Every half hour.

11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

7.30 a.m. SUNDAY  
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes  
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes  
11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes  
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes  
1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes  
5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes  
6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes  
6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT DATES, as on Week Days.

Extra, Car at 12 midnight.  
SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, ALTAIRIAN BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.

Season and punch tickets available for all cars not already full running at the time stated in the Company's time tables, but not for special cars can be obtained on application at the Company's Office. No Season Ticket will be issued until payment therefor has been made in Bank Note or by Cheque or Comptrollers order representing Bank Note.

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Telephone, April 1, 1912.

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## INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the City Hall on WEDNESDAY, 26th September, 1917, at 5.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August; of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year, &c.

R. HENDERSON,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong, Sept. 19, 1917. 2120

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices on SATURDAY the 29th of September, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st June, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st to 23rd September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAFRAK & CO.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, Sept. 5, 1917. 2083

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DIVIDEND WARRANTS for the INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$2.50 per share payable to all Shareholders on the Company's Register at 30th September, 1917, may be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on and after the 5th October, 1917.

Notice is further given that the SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th October, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, Sept. 10, 1917. 2001

ST. PAUL'S INSTITUTION,  
CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE Reverend Mother Superior of the French Convent begs to inform the Public, and all kind friends of the Convent, that, from MONDAY the 1st October next, there will be an Exhibition and Sale of Work every day at the Convent.

A large quantity of useful articles suitable for Xmas presents, including underwear, children's frocks, etc. may be obtained at moderate prices.

Reverend Mother hopes that all kind friends will patronize the work of the poor Chinese Orphans and thus help the Sisters to continue their charitable works.

Hongkong, Sept. 24, 1917. 2134

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A NEW CLASS for "Beginners" will commence on MONDAY, 1st October, 1917, if sufficient support be forthcoming.

Application for enrolment and enquiries regarding hours of School, Fees, etc., should be made to the undersigned as early as possible.

By Order,  
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, Sept. 6, 1917. 2088

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LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).

(Incorporated in England.)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any OUTSTANDING NOTES will be paid on presentation to the undersigned on or before SATURDAY, 29th September, 1917, at Noon.

AFTER THAT DATE, holders will find it necessary to claim repayment in STELLING from the BOARD OF TRADE, LONDON, to whom the necessary funds will be remitted.

THE BOARD OF TRADE make a charge for payment of claims out of monies deposited in the "COMPANIES LIQUIDATION ACCOUNT" at the Bank of England.

A. R. LOWE,  
Liquidator.  
Chartered Bank Building,  
Hongkong, August 17, 1917. 2040

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I've found Kelly ...  
You're the one ...

I wish it was Sunday night ...  
I do wish that I was a lady's man ...

My lass from Glasgow Town ...  
I never heard Father ...  
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It's a grand old song ...  
Home Sweet Home ...  
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I come fra' Scotland ...

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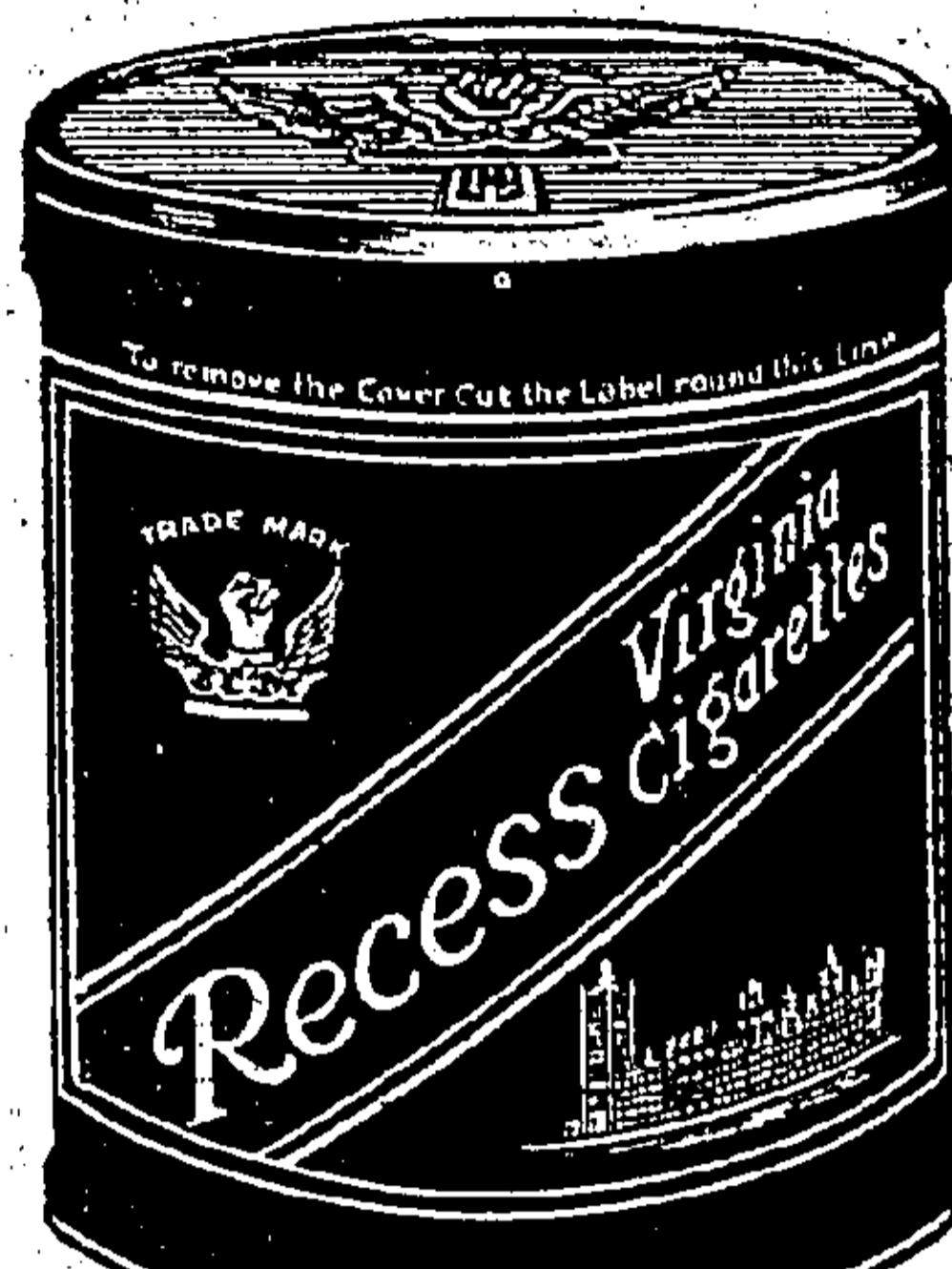
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[By FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE.]

In the midst of our pre-occupation with the Home-mance, afloat, ashore, and ashore we ought not to lose sight of its diplomatic tentacles. These are now being spread with quite particular energy in Sweden and Norway.

Events having put an abrupt end to German schemings in the Far West and the Far East—in the United States and China—they have been promptly resumed in the Far North by the expert plotters who until a few months ago were intriguing for Kaiser and Fatherland in Washington and Peking.

I refer to Count von Bernstorff, who is now "co-ordinating" German interests at Stockholm, and to Admiral von Hintze, late Minister to China, who has taken charge at Christiania. Von Hintze followed the Berlin Foreign Office's bold step to Norway a few days after "diplomatic courier" Raufensel's arrest; von Bernstorff has been in Sweden for some weeks. They have now joined hands across the peaceful Scandinavian peninsula. I know them and their special talents well, and I may advise that they will bear the closest watching, which Allied vigilance is capable of bestowing upon them. Trouble and turmoil have followed in their wake during the past years and inevitably as might succeed a day. They have never been assigned to missions which did not hide some dark Prussian strategem, with consequences eventually disastrous to the countries which they blighted with their policies.

Bernstorff's career is part of contemporary history, and is well-known to most Englishmen who keep abreast of international affairs. His nativity predestined him to be a specialist in English-speaking environments, for he was born in

London when his father was Prussian Minister to the Court of St. James. From 1902 to 1906 Bernstorff was Counsellor of the German Embassy in London, where he devoted himself and his undoubted powers of agreeableness and personal magnetism to the task of regaining the favour of British "society" which Germany forfeited during the Boer War. From 1906 to 1908 Bernstorff was the Kaiser's Diplomatic Agent and Consul-General at Cairo. In 1908 he became Ambassador at Washington, and for nearly nine years he was occupied in spinning that nation-wide web of espionage, intrigue, and intercine strife which the American Government and people have not yet even contrived to tear to pieces. Bernstorff built well and deep in the United States.

Admiral von Hintze is, if possible, even a more consummate organiser of mischief than Bernstorff. His successive places of office since 1905 speak for themselves—Russia, Mexico, and China. Revolutions would seem to be his forte. For many years the Houses of Hohenzollern and Hohenzollern maintained a remarkable system of "personal attachés" at each other's Courts. Nominally only courtiers who "flourished about" with the Sovereigns on spectacular occasions as members of the Imperial entourages, these "attachés" were in reality super-Ambassadors in Berlin and Petrograd. Their missions were to spy out ceaselessly that strange land which hedges a throne. In the case of the Kaiser's emissary at the Winter Palace and Tarsko Selo we may be sure that the work was done with vaunted Prussian Gründlichkeit (thoroughness). Von Hintze, a shrewd young naval officer at the time, was appointed to be a *l'aise* of the Czar on William II's behalf about the time of the 1905 Russian Revolution. He rendered such effective service in the realm of underground diplomacy in Petrograd, had declared that they would no longer permit exports to neutral countries so long as those neutral countries exported to Germany. In consequence of this Germany in a very short time would lose all its sources of supply, and the terrible fact had to be faced that the Higher Command had entirely based their calculations on these supplies.

This was certainly a "bombshell," and no one in authority could find an answer. The Higher Command, although loud in their protestations that the military situation was now favourable to Germany, were unable to give any idea as to the source from which they were going to draw supplies. They were not in a position to advocate the invasion of other neutral countries in order to obtain supplies, and the only answer they could make was that of Hindenburg, who, no longer boasting of the prowess of their armies, was only able to say that, provided their armies held on, the submarines would win the war. Two important points are thus brought to light—the failure of the German armies to fulfil the expectations of victory entertained by the Higher Command, and secondly, the extent to which the German public has been fooled into believing that Germany is still safe, supporting

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My lass from Glasgow Town ...

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KOWLOON	170	10	10.20	10.20	7
No. 1 Dock, Kowloon	272	10	10.20	10.20	7
Slip No. 1, Kowloon	242	10	10.20	10.20	7
Slip No. 2, Kowloon	127	10	10.20	10.20	7
TAKOUEI-TOU					
Commodore Goss	100	10	10.20	10.20	7
ADDRESS	100	10	10.20	10.20	7
James D. D.	100	10	10.20	10	



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THURSDAY,

the 27th September, 1917, at 2.30 p.m., on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Kowloon, (Godown No. 23).

The following SUNDRY GOODS—  
3 Large rolls of Composition Banner  
for machinery rooms, (3 feet wide),  
1 x 40 gallon cask heavy Oil,  
4 crates of Glass Jars,  
10 x 10 gallon Drums Carbolineum,  
3 x 10 gallon Drums Spirits of Wine,  
70 bags Stone Nuts,  
3 bags Shell "blacklips,"  
30 bags Coco Nibs (damaged),  
7 cases Shell "blacklips,"  
20 cases Mineral Water "Sauer  
brunnen,"  
Also,

immediately following the above sale; (in Godown 51), on the same premises, the undermentioned, (the Bond):  
11 cases Houses of Lords Whisky,  
20 cases of Beer,  
On view from Tuesday the 25th inst. at noon.

Terms—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Sept 14, 1917. 2105

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

SATURDAY,

the 29th September, 1917, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
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A LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF  
DRUGS, CHEMICALS,  
DISECTANTS, ANTISEPTICS  
AND HOSPITAL SUNDRIES,  
Consisting of:

QUININE in bulk and tablet form;  
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form, Formaldehyde, Lanolin, Acid  
Carbol, Pur, Liq. Alumini, Acet. Tinct  
Myrrh, Tinct Opium, Gelatin Capsules,  
Chloroform, Asperg. Spt Camphor, and  
a few gross of Medicine Bottles &c. &c.

A number of Tubes of Hypodermic  
Injections of Morphia, Cocaine, &c., &c.,  
and about 500 Tubes of Salvarsan,

Several cases of medicated Cotton  
Wool Bandages, Iodoform Gauze, &c.  
&c., &c.

N.B.—Several lines of the above  
drugs are now practically unobtainable  
owing to the War.

Catalogues will be issued.  
On view from Friday the 28th inst.  
Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Sept 10, 1917. 2093

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

MONDAY,

the 1st October, 1917, at 10.45 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street,

PRINTING PRESSES,  
TWO-LARGE-HAND,  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Sept. 21, 1917. 2129

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

TUESDAY,

the 3rd October, 1917, commencing at  
4.45 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

A LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF  
VALUABLE POSTAGE STAMPS,  
including many rare varieties.  
Catalogues will be issued.  
On view from Monday the 2nd October.

Terms—Cash.  
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Hongkong, Sept 16, 1917. 2115

## AUCTIONS.

### G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the  
Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be  
held on MONDAY, the 1st day of  
October, 1917, at 3 p.m., at the Office of  
the Public Works Department, by Order of  
His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot  
of CROWN LAND at Nathan Road,  
Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a  
term of 75 years, with the option of  
Renewal at Crown Rent to be fixed by the  
Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one  
further term of 75 years.

### Particulars of the Lot.

No.	Description	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)		Price per Acre
		N.	E.	
1	Land	100	80	120/-
2	Land	100	80	120/-
3	Land	100	80	120/-
4	Land	100	80	120/-
5	Land	100	80	120/-
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## To-day's Advertisements

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

ANNUAL AQUATIC SPORTS will be held on THURSDAY, 27th FRIDAY 28th and SATURDAY, 29th September, commencing on the first two days at 4.30 p.m. and on SATURDAY at 4 p.m.

ADMISSION:—Members, 50 cts. each day or \$1.00 for 3 days.

Non members, \$1.00 each day or \$2.00 for 3 days.

Ladies 50 cts. each day.

Soldiers, Sailors and Children, 25 cts. each day.

BAND in attendance on Saturday.

CHAMPIONSHIPS open to the Colony: Half mile, 400 yds., 220 yds., 100 yds., Long Plunge, High Drive and Running Hounds.

Also, Ladies', Girls' and Boys' Races, Team Races and Water Polo.

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1917. 5137

## AL FRESCO FETE

— IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF  
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
 to be held in the compound of the  
 Roman Catholic Cathedral

on  
 SUNDAY,  
 26th Sept., 1917 from 9 a.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Under the Distinguished Patronage  
 of His Excellency SIR F. H. MAY,  
 K.C.M.G.

Admission Ticket ..... \$1.  
 which is entitled to a Souvenir on its  
 presentation at the Souvenir Pavilion  
 on the evening of the Fete only.

Tea Cakes, and Refreshments will be  
 served during the afternoon and night.

Tickets can be obtained from to-day  
 at Messrs. GRACCO & Co., No. 4 Wyndham  
 Street, and at the Roman Catholic  
 Cathedral Compound on Sunday, 26th  
 September, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and at  
 the gate on the night of the Fete.

The various stalls will be open for  
 inspection by the public from 2 to 8 p.m.  
 on 26th September.

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1917. 2138

## THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.  
 5.30 p.m.—H.K. St. Andrew's Society's  
 Meeting.

6.15 p.m.—Open Air Concert at Helena  
 May Institute.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, Sept. 27.—  
 Settlement Day: Hongkong Stock  
 Exchange.

12.15 p.m.—Union Insurance Society's  
 Extra General Meeting.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundry Goods  
 at Kowloon Godowns.

5.30 p.m.—Kowloon Cricket Club's  
 Annual General Meeting.

THURSDAY, Sept. 27, 1917—28 Sept.—  
 V.R.C. Annual Aquatic Sports.

SATURDAY, Sept. 29.—  
 Michaelmas Day.

10.30 a.m.—Auction of Drugs,  
 Chemicals, Hospital Sundries, etc.  
 etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Noon.—Douglas Steamship Co.'s  
 Meeting.

SUNDAY, Sept. 30.—  
 9 p.m.—Al Fresco Fete at the R.C.  
 Cathedral.

MONDAY, Oct. 1.—  
 4.30 a.m.—Full Moon.

October Criminal Sessions commence.

Opening Day of Sale of Work at  
 French Convent, Causeway Bay.

10.30 a.m.—Auction of Two Hand  
 Printing Presses, Wood Axes, Axe,  
 Heads, Cooking Utensils, etc.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

2 p.m.—Queen's College Aquatic Sports  
 at V.R.C.

3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.

MONDAY, Oct. 1.—  
 General Holiday.

TUESDAY, Oct. 2.—  
 4.45 p.m.—Auction of Postage Stamps  
 at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Wednesday, Oct. 3.—  
 9 a.m.—Al Fresco Fete at the R.C.  
 Cathedral.

MONDAY, Oct. 1.—  
 4.30 a.m.—Crown Land at P.W.D.

MONDAY, Oct. 1.—  
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TUESDAY, Oct. 2.—  
 4.45 p.m.—Auction of Postage Stamps  
 at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

BRIDGE SCORERS

In Blocks of 50 SHEETS  
 50 cents each  
 Four for One Dollar  
 Obtainable at  
 The CHINA MAIL LTD.  
 5, Wyndham Street.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

Scotsmen are reminded of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Meeting to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

An open-air concert will be held in the grounds of the Helena May Institute to-morrow evening commencing at 8.15 p.m.

The only cases of communicable disease reported in the Colony last week were three of enteric fever, two proving fatal. All were Chinese.

A theft of \$2,000 in Singapore has been reported to the police by the chief officer of a.s. Van Wervenijk. Some persons are stated to have entered the office's office, between 6 and 9 o'clock last night, the door being left open, and stolen the notes, which were notes of \$1, \$5, \$10 denominations.

The annual Al Fresco Fete in aid of the Funds of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Sunday next, from 9 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., under the patronage of H.E. the Governor. Particulars will be found in the announcement in our advertisement columns.

The Queen's College Annual Aquatic Sports will be held at the V.R.C. on Monday, October 1st, commencing at 2 p.m. The Annual Invitation Team Race for Schools in the Colony will be the "high-light" of the meeting and rumour has it that the present holders of the Cup will have to hand it over to a new team. Mrs. W. G. Litt will present the prizes.

It seems that a number of persons do not understand the clause in the Prospectus of the Drawing of War Bonds for "Our Day," reading "No ticket having drawn a prize will be eligible to draw any other prize." The explanation is that tickets are being sold in series—the first series contain a like number of tickets. Supposing that prize No. 3, is drawn by series "M" ticket 151, "M" would go back into the letter cylinder to duty for all the rest of the "M" series, and "151" would go back in the number cylinder to duty for all the other letter series, and this combination "M 151" could therefore conceivably come up again, in which case it would not win a prize because it had won already.

THE DOLLAR DIRECTORY OF HONGKONG.

We have been favoured with a specimen copy of the new Hongkong Dollar Directory compiled by Mr. J. Flynn Anderson. It is certainly an excellent production and the wonder is how it is possible to produce it at the price. The book is in five sections. The first contains miscellaneous local information; the second gives information of the Government departments and Clubs; Section III contains a list of firms, including the principal Chinese firms, together with a list of local ships and their officers; Section IV is a "Who's Who" which includes roughly the names of 3,500 persons; and the final section is a Home List, giving the private addresses of residents.

The Directory appears to have been compiled with the greatest care and is certainly the most complete local Directory ever published in the Colony, and the compiler is to be sincerely congratulated upon the success of his effort. Messrs. Kelly and Walsh Ltd. printed the book.

## OUR DAY.

## LADY MAY ROSE FUND.

Subscriptions already acknowledged ..... \$950  
 Messrs. Joseph Bros. ..... 100  
 Mr. C. G. Alabaster ..... 50  
 \$1,100

## HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

Approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending 22nd Sept.

Receipts Aggregate for week  
 for week 38 weeks  
 \$ \$

This year ..... 14,080 513,655

Last year ..... 12,970 555,200

Increase ..... 110

Decrease ..... 41,554

The production of iron and steel in India is steadily advancing. It is now not only able to supply all local demands, but to provide a certain amount for Australia and the Far East, where the principal buyer is Japan. During the financial year 1915-16 the Indian Government took 45 per cent of the total output of the Tata Steel Works for munitions.

## TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

## [By "SCRUTATOR"]

No readjustment of the pay of the Service men has yet been announced, but it would be a mistake to assume that the matter, which has been so urgently pressed from Hongkong, has been pigeon-holed with all the sublime disregard that some of the writers of letters to the papers have attributed to the "tiny gods" at Whitehall. Some definite reply must come to the requests that have gone home, and that it has not come yet is simply another illustration that all the old traditions of the Circumlocution Office, which Dickens described sixty years ago still persist.

"Circumlocution" is doubtless the explanation of the delay. The War Office has to consult with the India Office. Then the Admiralty is also concerned in the general question; and so also in the Foreign Office, for all the Consular Staff in China have the same grievance as the Army and Navy men, and all pay is disbursed, I believe, through the one office in Hongkong.

One can but faintly imagine the circumlocution involved in a consideration of a matter of this sort by public offices where the duty is so divided and sub-divided that the simplest process has to pass through a whole series of officials. A round-table conference of representatives of all branches of the administration concerned would decide in half an hour to redress the grievance immediately, but when such a matter as this is dealt with by the traditional method of minutes from one official to another and so on through a whole series of officials in the same office, and then by formal correspondence between one department and another, each with its series of officials through whose hands the matter has to pass—such a process might defer a final decision till Doomsday. But in view of all that has been done to impress on the authorities and the public at home the extremely serious nature of the grievance, it is surprising that something has not happened to interrupt this leisurely circumlocutory process and to bring about a prompt decision.

It has been suggested to me that there is one little way in which the Government could help the men of the local garrison and that is by letting them do the night guards which are now done by men of the Defence Corps, and paying them what these guards now actually cost to maintain. The local men would readily sacrifice the "enjoyment" they now derive from these duties, and even willingly pay something for the privilege of making the sacrifice.

The attempt which is about to be made by the Government to suppress the chit system is naturally much discussed. The Bill proposes to prohibit the sale, except for cash, of intoxicating liquor to be consumed on any licensed premises, unless such is to a resident at an hotel, or is for liquor to be consumed at a bona fide meal at an hotel or restaurant. The statement of "Objects and reasons" attached to the Bill, supplies no reasons whatever for the measure. The chit system which obtains throughout the East has its advantages, and also its disadvantages, and so far as its disadvantages are concerned, the Bill which is to be introduced in the Legislative Council touches but the outer fringe of the whole question. A statement of the reasons for this Bill will be awaited with a good deal of curiosity by the general public.

THE EXPORT OF SILVER.

Owing to the criticism by the foreign banks at Shanghai the prohibition of the export of silver has been postponed for the time being.

FLOODS IN THE NORTH.

The flood at Tientsin has risen twelve feet and several godowns have been flooded.

The flooding of the Yungting river is also threatening Loungwongchuan, and probably the Tsingpu Railway will be interrupted.

IMPORT DUTIES.

The Cabinet has decided to raise the import tariff on goods from countries with non-treaty relations to 20 per cent, and also to levy a 60 per cent duty on goods not listed in the Customs tables.

A FINANCIAL COUNCIL.

The Ministry of Finance, yesterday, held an ordinary Financial Council to discuss preparations for the abolition of the Indian constable and to increase the duty.

PROPOSED GOLD STANDARD.

Liang Kai Chiu, Minister of Finance, proposes adopting a nominal gold standard and will submit the proposal to the Cabinet for discussion.

PRESIDENT AND CONFUCIUS.

Early yesterday morning the President personally offered sacrifice to Confucius, and made three bows.

THE LATE PRESIDENT.

Li Yuan Hung states that he is not willing to return to Peking; therefore the Government is sending Wong Tai Sit and Chang Kowk Kau to Tientsin to endeavour to persuade the ex-President to change his decision.

"Profitting" is to be sternly suppressed in the United States, and the Government are not hesitating to tackle the most powerful concern. The United States Steel Corporation are being forced to reduce their prices for steel to Government rates from £13 a ton to £11 2s. per ton. In the absence of a satisfactory agreement the Federal Trade Commission will be asked to fix the price.

Another big Olyc shipbuilding extension is reported to be under consideration. It is understood that Messrs. Harland and Wolff will purchase the controlling interest in the shipbuilding yards of G. and J. G. Thompson & Co., both on the Olyc. It is understood that the yards will be merged with the firm of the most important of its kind in the United Kingdom, as it already possesses yards at Belfast, Southampton, Bootle, Govan, Greenwich, and Irvine.

RHEUMATISM.

Have you ever tried Chamberlain's Pain Reliever? Chamberlain's Pain Reliever is the longest lasting and most effective pain killer on the market. It is a bottle-to-day, and it will give you a vigorous massage to the afflicted parts, and you will be soothed and delighted at the relief obtained. For sale by all Chemists and Stores.

ANOTHER HUNGRY MAN.

Lieut.-Quartermaster McConnell of the 74th Punjabis charged a coolie with trespassing on Military grounds at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

The launch engineer was drying a hose in the engine room, and when he went down into the engine room he saw the coolie going up. He came on deck to investigate and caught defendant in the act of putting into his pocket the brass coupling he had cut from the hose.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$2,000 with the alternative of nine months hard labour.

THE DISAPPEARING TRICK.

An unemployed Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the larceny of one brass coupling valued at \$3. The property of the Star Ferry Co. Defendant pleaded guilty saying he had no money to buy food. It was stated that defendant was a passenger on the Star Ferry launch yesterday. The launch engineer was drying a hose in the engine room, and when he went down into the engine room he saw the coolie going up. He came on deck to investigate and caught defendant in the act of putting into his pocket the brass coupling he had cut from the hose.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months hard labour and four hours stocks in lieu of the last day.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## ALLEGED FRAUD ON PEAK TRAMWAY CO.

## SIR EDWARD CHAMIER GIVES EVIDENCE.

A Chinese ticket collector named Ak Lok was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with receiving and keeping a certain sum of money for and in account of Peak Tramway Co. and fraudulently embezzling same, and also with converting to his own use the sum which had been entrusted to him as a servant of the Company. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Shenton appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Leo d'Almada defended. The case for the prosecution was that defendant had sold a ticket over again and converted the money to his own use. It could not have been a mistake because his returns for that day were quite correct and showed neither deficit nor increase.

The Committee appear very modest in their estimate of the probable sale of tickets for the War Loan drawing. In Singapore, notwithstanding that Penang and the Federated Malay States have what they frankly call their own War Loan Lotteries, the committee reckon on a sale of 100,000 tickets at \$10 each.

Mr. Edward Chamier, Chief Justice of the High Court at Patna, India, giving evidence said he landed at Hongkong on the 15th instant. On the 18th inst. he took a tram up to the Peak at 3 o'clock in the evening. He distinctly remembered the time because he saw the conductor sitting on a bench smoking, watching for the signal to depart.

He paid 30 cents to a ticket collector and received a 30 cents ticket in return. On his way down he paid 20 cents for a ticket. He asked the man, why he charged only 20 cents whereas the other fellow with whom he had gone up charged 30 cents. He could not understand the reply given and on the following day, the 19th inst., he wrote a letter to the manager of Peak Tramway Co., regarding the matter and enclosed the two tickets he received on the previous day.

Cross examined by Mr. d'Almada, Sir Edward said he had taken the back seat of the car to get a view of the harbour. This was his first visit to Hongkong. He received two tickets but was unable to identify them.

The next witness, Ah Long, a ticket collector of the Company, giving evidence said it was the duty of ticket collectors to make a return of the tickets sold whenever they went off duty. The first ticket that was sold on 15th September was ticket No. 1

## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## THE VICTORY IN FLANDERS.

## A MASTERSHIP ATTACK.

LONDON, Sept. 24.

The *Times* Military Correspondent states that April 9, June 7, June 31 and September 20 have all been days of grand attacks, well planned, finely executed and completely successful; ejecting the Germans from the strongest positions ever created and with heavy loss to the enemy of men, material and moral.

The battle of September 20 was the continuation and the completion of that of July 31. The terrible weather in August, in the sedentary fields of Flanders, prevented that battle from being fought out to its inevitable conclusion, long ago.

Now that we had systematized a new warfare, the guns covering the infantry must be moved up before one success can be followed by another, and to this fine weather is indispensable. The main objective of our troops was completely exposed by the fighting of July 31, and the Germans had suffered by the bad weather to pile up defences and reinforcements, to arrest the British advance on the Meuse Road. All the more credit, therefore, is due to the Commanders of the troops for not merely overcoming all the superior defences in a few hours, but for the holding of all the gains on September 20th in the face of repeated and most powerful counter-attacks. Neither a serious check nor a fault can be discovered in the conduct of this masterly attack.

## ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

LONDON, Sept. 24. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We drove out raiders from our trenches near La Bassiere.

The enemy's artillery was active on both banks of the Scarpe, to the south of Lens and the north-east of Ypres.

## THREE ENEMY RAIDS REPULSED.

LONDON, Sept. 24. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

Under cover of this morning's bombardment, two attempted raids in the neighbourhood of Monchy-le-Pray, and a third, to the south of the Arras-Douai railway, were repulsed. The enemy left a number of dead.

Another party raided to the westward of La Bassiere. One man is missing.

Our patrols are active on the battle front and a number of prisoners are being brought in.

Our aeroplanes were successful yesterday, dropping 167 bombs on billets, huts and aerodromes. Nine German machines were brought down and six were driven down. Three of ours are missing.

## ACTIVITY ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, Sept. 24. A French communiqué states:

There has been violent artillery activity in the region of Braine, Froidmont Farm and Hurtobie. A surprise attack at Hurtobie failed.

Our dispersed reconnoitring parties attempting to reach our lines on the left bank of the Meuse and there has been most intense artillery activity on the right bank, in the night, in the region of Bois Fosses and Bois Chauve.

Enemy aeroplanes, last night, bombarded, to the north of Barleux, and several tons of bombs fell on a group of German prisoners, killing two and wounding 17.

Six German aeroplanes were brought down.

## GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Sept. 24. A German official message states:

There has been an artillery battle of great violence on the coast, between Sousticat Wood and Westhoek and also at Lens, St. Quentin, several sectors on the Aisne Front in Champagne and at Verdun.

## A FIERCE STRUGGLE ON RUSSIAN FRONT.

## RUSSIAN SUCCESS.

LONDON, Sept. 24. A Russian official message states: We occupied enemy positions, after a fierce struggle, to the south of Pivov High road.

The enemy losses were severe, 400 corps were found and 60 prisoners taken.

## GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Sept. 24. A German official message states:

The Russian artillery has been active to the north of Baranovitschi and to the west of Lach.

## KAISER AT THE RUMANIAN FRONT.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 24. The Kaiser has visited the Rumanian Front.

## AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 24. M. Kerensky is still at Headquarters, as the military situation is regarded as serious.

M. Kerensky, in an Army Order, accepts General Alexoff's resignation. General Alexoff places himself at the disposal of the Provisional Government in order that his vast military experience may not be lost.

## EX-EMPEROR DOWAGER OF RUSSIA ILL.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 24. The ex-dowager Empress is seriously ill.

## THE GERMAN INTRIGUE IN AMERICA.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 24. Commenting on the disclosures with regard to Count Bernstorff, who requested authority to pay \$60,000 to influence the United States Congress, the *Koellnische Volkszeitung* says that it is most regrettable that the United States has secured apparently a whole collection of German diplomatic documents, which it is now exploiting against Germany.

FRESH DISCLOSURES.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. Mr. Lansing, in fresh disclosures of German intrigue, publishes a report of the Secretary of the American Legation at Bucharest, revealing how Germany secreted in the German Legation at Bucharest, after the United States had taken charge of affairs, 50 boxes containing powerful explosives and one box containing anthrax and gunpowders.

Mr. Lansing also publishes a letter from the Romanian Foreign Minister, corroborating the above, and stating that the explosives and microbes were brought to Romania by a diplomatic courier while Romania was still strictly neutral.

The organisation of the newly-captured positions on the rest of the battlefield is proceeding.

We repelled an attack eastward of Villers.

Prisoners taken on the Ypres battlefield since the commencement of the attack on the 20th, number 3,243, including 80 officers.

Our aeroplanes yesterday dropped 134 bombs on billets, huts and aerodromes.

Nine German machines were brought down and six were driven down. Three of ours are missing.

THE STRIKES IN ARGENTINA.

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 24. A general strike of the railway workers has begun.

There is still a strong desire for a rupture with Germany in view of the fact that Germany did not disapprove of Count Luxburg prior to the revelations.

THE GERMAN REPLY.

FURTHER PRESS COMMENT.

LONDON, Sept. 24. The strikers are adopting a violent attitude.

Meat canning for the Entente is interrupted, and the public censure, the inactivity of the Government and the unpatriotism of the strikers, German influence is suggested.

THE TEA FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

LONDON, Sept. 23. The Food Controller announced that he is preparing a scheme to purchase from India and Ceylon all their tea for export to the United Kingdom.

Arrangements are being considered for the distribution of the tea in the United Kingdom, with as little interference as possible with the regular trade practices.

REMEMBER THE NAME.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLESTERIC AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

CAIRO, Sept. 24. The death is announced of Sheik-ul-Islam Selim-el-Biehi.

## AFFAIRS IN GREECE.

## PROVINCES SUBJECTED TO MARTIAL LAW.

ATHENS, Sept. 24. Martial law has been proclaimed in the provinces of Laconia, Arcadia and Epirus.

The Government has replaced ex-King Constantine's *rades-de-camp*, who were retained with King Alexander, because they have been stirring up discontent in the new regime.

## A GERMAN ALLEGATION DENIED.

LOXHOX, Sept. 24.

A German official message states:

The Russian artillery has been active to the north of Baranovitschi and to the west of Lach.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY STORY.

## AN AMAZING STORY OF GERMAN PUSHFULNESS.

Here is an extraordinary story about German pushfulness, for the truth of which a "spectator" correspondent vouches.

Two men were sitting in their dug-out.

"What makes you so keen sniping?" I said, as I knew life had not led a sporting life.

"Simply to reduce their numbers," said that is what we must do if we are going to win the war. Our Germans don't realise how dangerous these Germans are. I will tell you a story which has the merit of being true.

"Some days before England declared war on Germany, it was a Sunday—the board of a great English company sat in an annual consultation. They were a farsighted set of men, hard workers all, and had built up a successful business, founded on efficiency in commerce and fair dealing with their employees. They were not all Englishmen, but they were patriotic, and the situation caused them great anxiety for their country and their interests.

THE DIRECTORS' MEETING.

"Amongst a host of other goods, they were manufacturers of a certain article, in the sale of which they were supreme in England and the Empire. They had made this article well and treated the public fairly, and it was of the utmost importance to them, but they found themselves in a difficult position that day. They had bought the rights of manufacture and the patents some years previously from a German company, who were still partners with them in the business. They had insisted on the rights of manufacture as well as those of sale, knowing that the latter arrangement would only last as long as it suited the German company, but that day they realised they had made a terrible mistake."

"The article was a complicated affair, and one part of it was made of a rare material, to produce which entailed heavy initial expense, and the German company supplied it to them cheaper than they could make it. Every time they started to consider seriously its production, the German company came down in price, and so they had drifted on and done nothing. Their stock of this material was very low, a few pounds would have lasted them for years; they had only a few ounces' worth; what were they to do? Germany was at war with France, and their German friends were too busy to think of their troubles."

"A confidential clerk opened the door and stated that there was a man outside to see the chairman, and in demand to see the chairman, and in great astonishment, owing to the day being Sunday and their meeting secret, that worthy but worried gentleman went out to see him. There he found a smart-looking young German with a small portmanteau. He appeared tired, but came to the point at once. "Sir," he said, "I come from the head office of the company, straight from Berlin. My directors are in anxiety as to their holdings in your company. They have remembered that your stock of Cossis is low, and realising that war is an uncertain thing, they have sent you ten pounds of it, which I carry in this bag. Also I bring copies of all letters written during the last week; they fear some may have gone astray. My directors send their compliments to the British board, and hope that when we have dealt with our enemies, we may renew that pleasant relationship which may be interrupted for a few months by this unfortunate war which has been forced upon us."

HOW HE GOT THROUGH.

"How did you get through?" asked the astonished chairman. "Partly by train, partly by boat, partly on foot," said the young man. "I carried my bag some of the way, and also pushed it on a wheelbarrow across the frontier of Belgium."

The chairman was delighted, complimented the young fellow on his courage, and on the spot offered him safe and lucrative employment until the war was over; but to his surprise his offer was curtly refused. "I must return at once to my regiment. I am only here by special permission," said the clerk, and picking up his hat, he shook hands and vanished through the door. The chairman returned to the board meeting and explained the situation. They were saved! And now they must set to work to produce Cossis and never run such risks again.

"The story is typical of what we are up against—a kind of diabolical combination of efficiency, great virtues, and cold-blooded, calculated business freightfulness." Now," said Rife, "this generation of Germans is going to die in this war, and I am helping the good work. If the death of some of us makes England wake up and put her house in order, we have not died in vain."

HERC CORDES RELEASED ON BAIL.

DR. GILBERT REID TO THE RESCUE.

Herr Cordes, manager of the German Bank at Peking who was arrested some time ago on a charge of hiding the books and documents of the bank, and thus frustrating the carrying out of the proper taking over of the said bank by the Chinese authorities, was released by the local court on bail after several days' incarceration. The friendly act was performed by Dr. Gilbert Reid.

The "Peking Gazette" says: "Since

the arrest Cordes has been given quite decent treatment in the local prison.

Official sources seem to be very

anxious to show the Kaiser how civilised

the Chinese are, to whom he ordered his

troops to give no quarter prior to the

taking of Tsingtao. A special suite of

rooms was allowed him as living quarters,

and he was allowed to have his meals

served to him in proper style. The

judicial authorities made a careful study

of the case, but could not find facts

enough to establish a case. Since the

books of the bank cannot be recovered

and Egeling has escaped to some where

it was considered useless to detain Cordes any longer."

COMMISSIONS FOR INDIANS.

Of the nine Indian officers who have

been given commissions, five are Hindus

and scions of Indian ruling houses, who

have had the advantage of training in

the Imperial Cadet Corps. Three are

Mohammedans of noble and wealthy

families, one being a relative of H.H. the Aga Khan. The ninth is a Nepalese

nobleman.

## PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOHN ISLAND (SAMCHOAN).

Under the presidency of their Lordships the Bishops of Macau, Hongkong and Canton, there will be a Solemn Pilgrimage to St. John Island on the 13th and 14th October, 1917, to visit the Sacred Tomb of the Great Apostle of the East, St. Francis Xavier.

His Lordship the Bishop of Canton, the promoter of the pilgrimage, in announcing it says: "St. John Island has, notwithstanding the long lapse of time and the persecutions, been a place of pilgrimage dear to the Catholics of the East. All the zone surrounding the Tomb is peopled by Catholics. The Mission of Canton, wishing to keep up the pious and glorious tradition, invites the Catholics of Canton, Macau, and Hongkong to take part in the pilgrimage. The invitation is extended to Catholics only and not tourists, and children under 10 years of age will be admitted.

It is our wish by this voyage, which is not without inconvenience, to make an act of faith in the continuity of our religion, which is the same as that preached by St. Francis Xavier four centuries ago. Following the example of the great Missionary Saint and confiding in his merits, we will earnestly pray for the conversion of China, and in order that God's work may be accomplished all over the world, we will also pray the Divine Providence to put an end to the great calamity which is desolating the world. For this reason we make this appeal to the Catholics of Canton, Macau, and Hongkong to join in the pilgrimage not only in large numbers but especially in a religious spirit.

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